

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Fish Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Review

Natural Resource Commission approval is requested for the fish habitat grant recommendations. All revenue derived from fish habitat fees, paid for as part of fishing licenses, is deposited in the state fish and game protection fund to be used for fish habitat development. In compliance with 571 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 35, at least fifty percent of all revenue from the sale of fish habitat fees is distributed equally among six county districts to county conservation boards. Each district is allowed to hold a two-year apportionment before money is reverted and redistributed equally among all districts. Districts 1 and District 4 turned away project because of the lack of available funding. This program is a 90% cost share grant open to all county conservation boards for the development of fish habitat or acquisition of land to be used for fish habitat development purposes.

The Fish Habitat Grant Review Committees met in December 2007 and January 2008 to review county conservation board projects. Each district forms a grant committee made up of at least five county conservation board directors that rank and score all of the projects in their district. A district fisheries biologist sits on each committee for advisory purposes. The committee recommends funding the projects as follows:

District 1 committee recommends funding the following four (4) ranked projects.

Poweshiek County	\$44,302.50	Jordan Pond Riprap Project
Marshall County	\$19,800.00	West Silt Pond Renovation
Jasper County	\$13,320.00	Mariposa Shoreline Stabilization Project
Hamilton County	\$33,493.00	Little Wall Lake Fishery Habitat Improvement Project

District I Total \$110,915.50

District II committee recommends funding the following four (4) projects.

Cerro Gordo County	\$5,250.00	Blair Meadows Preserve Pond/Willow Creek Stabilization Project
Fayette County	\$11,115.00	Gouldsburg Park
Howard County	\$18,900.00	Vernon Springs Dam Passage Structure
Winnebago County	\$11,879.00	Ambrosion Recreation Area Dike Riprap Project

District II Total \$47,144.00

District III committee recommends funding the following six (6) ranked projects.

O'Brien County	\$29,885.00	Mill Creek Aeration and Fish Habitat Platform
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Lyon County	\$31,650.00	Peterson Prairie Pond Development
Clay County	\$14,040.00	Scharnberg Park - Rock Jetty
Monona County	\$6,750.00	Savery Pond - Shore Armoring
Monona County	\$15,795.00	Peters Park - Shore Armoring
Palo Alto County	\$36,000.00	Lost Island Lake - Rock Reef

District III Total \$51,795.00

District IV committee recommends funding the following six (6) ranked projects.

Harrison County	\$18,720.00	Willow Lake Spawning Beds and Fishing Jetty
Taylor County	\$4,665.00	Windmill Lake Fisheries Habitat Project
Madison County	\$31,013.00	Pammel Park Fisheries Habitat Project
Shelby County	\$9,000.00	Manteno Park Lake Silt Removal
Madison County	\$2,100.00	Criss Cove Fisheries Habitat Project
Montgomery County	\$61,481.00	Pilot Grove Restoration Project

District IV Total \$126,979.00

District V committee recommends funding the following two (2) projects.

Appanoose County	\$24,525.00	Lake Bradley Fishing Impoundment Bank Stabilization
Des Moines County	\$63,180.00	Big Hollow Dam & Plunge Pool Completion Riprap Protection

District V Total \$87,705.00

District VI committee recommends funding the following four (4) ranked projects.

Jones County	\$34,765.00	Hale Wildlife Area Pond Construction
Jackson County	\$13,561.00	Canton Access Acquisition
Buchanan County	\$6,210.00	Koutney Pond Fish Jetty
Dubuque County	\$13,050.00	Ringneck Ridge Wildlife Area Pond

District VI Total \$67,586.00

The Department recommends the Commission to approve the aforementioned projects, as described above.

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